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SUBJECT: BRANDT INTERVIEW ON EUROPEAN AND ALLIANCE POLICY

BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING WIDE RANGING INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN DEC 6 BONN-GENERAL ANZEIGER, CHANCELLOR BRANDT ADOPTED RESERVED POSTURE TOWARD REGULARLY SCHEDULED EC SUMMITS, FAVORED QUICKER PACE FOR EUROPEAN UNION REPORT, URGED PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION, OPINED THAT ATLANTIC DECLARATION PRACTICALLY READY FOR SIGNATURE, SAID U.S./EC DECLARATION IS MORE DIFFICULT AS U.S. AND EC ARE ECONOMIC COMPETITORS AS WELL AS POLITICAL-MILITARY PARTNERS, CONSIDERED U.S./EC/JAPAN TRILATERAL DECLARATION UNLIKELY AND THOUGHT EC/CANADA DECLARATION EASIER TO ATTAIN THAN EC/JAPAN DECLARATION. ON OSTPOLITIK, BRANDT INDICATED FRG NOW SEEKING TO FILL NORMALIZED FRG/EE RELATIONS WITH LIFE; HE SAID THIS PROCESS WOULD BE VERY TOUGH WITH GDR. BRANDT ALSO SAID ME CRISIS PROVED "THE GREAT IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION."  
END SUMMARY

1. EC SUMMITS. BRANDT SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT EC SUMMITS NEITHER PROVIDE AN EXCUSE FOR EXISTING EC INSTITUTIONS TO AVOID THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES NOR AWAKEN THE IMPRESSION OF THE SMALLER EC PARTNERS THAT THE GERMANS, BRITISH AND FRENCH INTEND TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL. EC SUMMITS THEREFORE SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TIMETABLES FIRMLY FIXED IN ADVANCE, BUT SHOULD RATHER BE HELD WHEN REQUIRED. COMMENT: BRANDT'S COOL REACTION TO GENERAL-ANZEIGER'S QUESTION CONCERNING REGULAR SUMMITS DIFFERS FROM EARLIER FRG POSITION THAT EC SUMMITS SHOULD OCCUR ON A REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS.  
END COMMENT.

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2. EUROPEAN UNION. BRANDT RENEWED SUGGESTION THAT THE REPORT ON EUROPEAN UNION DUE TO BE PREPARED BY THE ORGANS OF THE 'COMMUNITY BY THE END OF 1975 SHOULD BE COMPLETED SOMEWHAT EARLIER. HE SAID THE REPORT SHOULD BE PREPARED BY THE EC COMMISSION, FOREIGN MINISTRIES, THE EC COUNCIL AND PARLIAMENT, AND FINALLY THE EC COURT OF JUSTICE. IF THE END OF 1974 WOULD BE TOO SOON, THEN EARLY 1975 MIGHT BE A GOOD TARGET DATE. MORE IMPORTANT

THAN THE TIME, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE REPORT BE A "SOLID ONE." BRANDT SAID HE WOULD RAISE THIS TOPIC AT THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. SIMILARLY, COMMENTING ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, BRANDT SAID THE EXACT TIMETABLE WAS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR BUT THAT THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE OVERALL TASK OF EMU SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1980.

3. EUROPEAN DEFENSE. BRANDT SAID EC FOREIGN POLICY COOPERATION WOULD BE INCOMPLETE WITHOUT ALSO DISCUSSING DEFENSE POLICY ISSUES. NOTING THAT IRELAND IS A NEUTRAL STATE AND THAT DENMARK DOES NOT BELONG TO THE WEU, BRANDT SAID THAT BONN FAVORED CONTINUING THE VERY EFFECTIVE COOPERATION ALREADY UNDER WAY IN THE EUROGROUP; HE NOTED THAT DENMARK IS A EUROGROUP MEMBER AND THAT THE FRG AND UK COOPERATE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVELY IN EUROGROUP. BRANDT ADDED: "BUT WE DO NOT THEREFORE DECLINE TO SPEAK ABOUT DEFENSE AND ARMS POLICY IN OTHER CIRCLES OF 7, 8, OR 9. WE TAKE A PRAGMATIC ATTITUDE, AND THIS ALSO IS UNDERSTOOD IN

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PARIS."

4. ATLANTIC RELATIONS. RECALLING HIS STRASBOURG SPEECH, BRANDT SAID THAT EUROPE REQUIRES "A SOVEREIGN EUROPEAN DEFENSE," BUT THAT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE SUPER-POLITICAL POWER BALANCE BETWEEN THE USA AND SOVIET UNION. BRANDT ADDED: "THIS IS NOT THE ONLY REASON WHY I DO NOT WANT IN ANY WAY TO NEGLECT THE QUESTIONS OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE BUT (ALSO) DO NOT WANT TO PUT MYSELF IN A POSITION TO DISTANCE OUTSELVES FROM THE UNITED STATES." BRANDT THEN REFERRED TO THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION, WHICH HE INDICATED HAS BEEN VERY LARGELY ELABORATED; HE SAID "IT COULD BE READY BY NEXT WEEK IF NECESSARY."

5. U.S.-EC DECLARATION. BRANDT SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FEW DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN THE WORKING OUT OF THE U.S./EC DECLARATION, WHICH DEALS WITH "THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INCREASINGLY INTEGRATED WESTERN EUROPE AND THE KEY ATLANTIC PARTNER." BRANDT SAID "THESE TWO GROUPING, THE U.S. THERE AND THE EC HERE ARE CERTAINLY ALLIES, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS...BUT THEY ARE ALSO COMPETITORS IN SOME ECONOMIC

FIELDS."

6. JAPAN AND CANADA. NOTING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REFERENCE TO A KIND OF TRILATERAL U.S.-WESTERN EUROPE-JAPAN DECLARATION, BRANDT SAID: "THAT IS HARDLY LIKELY TO BE REALIZED...SOME HAVE ALSO CONSIDERED THAT, PARALLEL TO AN EC/U.S. TEXT, THERE COULD ALSO BE SPECIAL EC-JAPAN AND PERHAPS ALSO U.S.-JAPAN DECLARATIONS. AT PRESENT, IT DOES NOT LOOK AS THOUGH THAT WOULD BE EASY TO ACCOMPLISH. IT OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE LESS COMPLICATED TO HAVE A DECLARATION BETWEEN THE EC AND CANADA."

7. OSTPOLITIK. BRANDT NOTED THAT THE FRG HAD NOW  
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NORMALIZED ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH EAST EUROPEAN STATES, AS HAD PREVIOUSLY THE FRENCH, ITALIANS, AMERICANS AND OTHER KEY ALLIES. THE NEXT STEP, SAID BRANDT, WOULD BE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE RELATIONS IN TRADE AND OTHER AREAS; HE SAID "THE MOST UNSATISFACTORY OF OUR RELATIONS IS WITH THE GDR...WE MUST ASSUME THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WILL TAKE A VERY LONG TIME, AS IN THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER EAST EUROPEAN STATES." BRANDT SAID: "THE WESTERN CONCEPT FOR MBFR AND CSCE WAS CONFIRMED BY THE MIDEAST WAR WHICH ALSO PROVED WHAT GREAT IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SOVIET UNION AND ALSO TO CHINA." HE CONCLUDED THAT "THE VALUE OF THIS NEW PHASE...IS THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE IN BOTH CAMPS ARE RECOGNIZING THE DANGER OF A CONFRONTATION AND THE NEED TO COOPERATE...I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THIS WORKING HYPOTHESIS HOLDS."  
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